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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gifts of the Spirit – The inspirational gifts

 Let's hear your story

1. Have you ever had to explain to a friend or family member the gifts of the Holy Spirit?
2. What signs did Jesus say in Mark 16:17 will follow believers? (**In My name they will cast our demons, they will speak with new tongues.**) (NKJV).
3. What two scriptures explain the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament? (**1 Corinthians 12 and 14.**).
4. To whom does a believer speak with the gift of tongues? (**1 Cor. 14:2; For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men, but to God.**).

 Let's go deeper

5. According to 1 Cor.14:5; what is the purpose of tongues in the church? (**For edification, through the gift of interpretation.**).
6. According to 1 Cor.14:27; what gift must follow the gift of tongues in a church gathering? (**The gift of interpretation.**).
7. What is the purpose of the gift of prophecy according to 1 Cor.14:3? (**He who prophesies speaks edification; exhortation and comfort to men.**).
8. What specific gift does Paul encourage the church in 1 Cor. 14:1 to desire? (**Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.**).

 Let's apply this

9. The inspirational gifts:

**1 Corinthians 12:7;** But the manifestation (expression and enabling) of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. (NKJV)

- Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you to speak in tongues to glorify God as an act of worship and giving thanks.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you with the gift of interpretation to edify the church in a corporate gathering.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you with the gift of prophecy to edify; exhort and comfort believers and the church.
- **Faith** is needed for the gifts of the Holy Spirit (see Hebrews 11:6).

SUMMARY:

- **The inspirational gifts**

The spiritual gifts are supernatural gifts that God enables believers to have so that we can do ministry for and like Jesus on the earth today.

**Did the miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit cease with the apostles?** NO.

**Read:** Mark 16:17; Acts 10:44 – 48; Acts 19:1 – 7 and 1 Corinthians 12 and 14.

**What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?** **Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:1 – 11.

**Revelation gifts:** Word of wisdom; word of knowledge and discerning of spirits. (The eyes of God).

**Power gifts:** Faith; gifts of healing and working of miracles. (The hands of God).

**Inspirational gifts:** Gift of tongues; interpretation of tongues and prophecy. (The mouth of God).

- **Gift of tongues:**

**Definition:** It is the supernatural enabling by the Holy Spirit's to speak in languages never learned by the speaker.

**Purpose:**

**For the individual as a prayer language** (See 1 Cor.14:2; 4; 14 – 19; Jude 1:20 – 21).

**It is for the body as a gift of diverse tongues** (See 1 Corinthians 14:5; 13; 26 – 28).

**It is a sign for unbelievers** (See 1 Corinthians 14:22 and Acts 2:6 – 12).

- **Interpretation of tongues:**

This gift allows the gift of tongues to be of benefit for those other than the speaker, as they are able to hear and agree with the tongue-speaker's words to God.

**Definition:** The supernatural interpretation of the meaning of the message given in tongues. **Purpose:** To edify the church (See 1 Corinthians 14:5 and 26).

- **Prophecy:**

To speak by inspiration or under inspiration of Holy Spirit; prediction or to foretell of events. **Definition:** A supernatural utterance using a known tongue.

**Purpose:** 1 Corinthians 14:3; Edification; exhortation and comfort.

**The importance of prophecy:** (see 1 Cor.14:1; 31; 1 Timothy 4:14).

**Principles for judging prophecy:** (see 1 Cor.14:32; 1 Thess.5:19 – 21; 1 John 4:1).

Does it comfort, edify and exhort? (See 1 Corinthians 14:3).

Does it agree with the Word of God? (See 2 Timothy 3:16).

Does it exalt Jesus? (See John 16:13 – 14).

Does it promote obedience? (Deuteronomy 13:1 – 5).

Does it promote liberty, not bondage? (See Romans 8:15).

Does it produce life? (2 Cor.3:6). Does it bear witness with your spirit? (Rom.8:16).